Promotion of the clerk doing duty at Bhakthivilas.

145. *Mr. K. N. Kesavan Namputiripad: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether it is a fact that one of the Higher Grade clerks doing duty in Bhakthivilas is proposed to be or has been appointed as a permanent clerk on Rs. 75—100 in the Secretariat ignoring the claims of several of his seniors in the same office; and

(*b*) if so, how many such seniors were or are going to be ignored?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: (*a*) No.

(*b*) In view of answer to (*a*) this does not arise.

Toll-gate at Karakkonam.

146 *Mr. N. K. Padmanabha Pillai: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether a toll-gate has been recently put up at Karakkonam, Kunnathukal pakuthi, Neyyattinkara; and

(*b*) where this toll-gate was before this?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The gate was at the junction of Nedumangad—Shorlacode road and Parassala—Panachamood road.

Mr. N. K. Padmanabha Pillai: What is the reason for this shift of the toll-gate?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: To catch the timber traffic.

Mr. N. K Padmanabha Pillai: Have the toll collections increased?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: We do not keep a record of collections.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: Is the gate located in the malaria-stricken area?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: Not strictly; there is malaria in the district; you cannot rightly call it a malaria-stricken area.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: Is it a fact that the people in that area are experiencing great difficulty in getting foodstuffs on account of this toll-gate?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: No.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: Is it not located in a by-road?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: It is on a by-road.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: Are not toll-gates usually located on main roads? [C.I.

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: Yes; but sub-gates are usually located on by-roads.

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